

## MAYOR WILL HEAR LAWYERS TO-DAY

Counsel for Two Railway Companies Ready to Present Argument as to Franchise.

Mayor Richardson will hear argument this morning at 10 o'clock on the pending ordinance granting a light and power franchise to the Richmond and Henric Railway Company. The ordinance will be attacked before the Mayor both on the ground of public policy and because of a number of alleged defects in its language and construction by the Council, where it appears that the vote was pledged in advance to adopt anything the Henric Railway asked.

It is held to be against good public policy for the city to give away valuable franchises which have an immediate sale value, when nothing is secured in return. The new company tests up the streets in all directions, but does not contract to give cheaper or better service or to serve all of the citizens. It is held that a war of rates in the business district, resulting in consolidation, such as have come here and in every other city where attempts have been made to secure competition, results in increased capital for the consolidated company. When petition is made to the Corporation Commission, there is no bond to require removal of poles and wires. Only the permanent statutory bond is required. The plan of members of the Street Committee that a bond be required conditioned on the erection of the plant within a specified time was rejected. As it stands, therefore, there is little to prevent the company from folding its franchise as a paper asset for years.

The Mayor has given no indication of his views on the subject of the franchise, but because of the legal defects in the hastily prepared paper there is but little doubt that, if signed, it will be made the basis of a vigorous contest in the courts.

## MERSEY PRAISES J. BRUCE ISMAY

London, July 7.—Lord Mersey, the commissioner presiding at the court of inquiry into the loss of the Titanic, has submitted to the five assessors sitting in judgment with him a draft of his report and the recommendations based thereon. The report will be formally presented to the assessors on Tuesday, and it is expected that the assessor will have to express his views on the subject of the report.

J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, is completely exonerated by Lord Mersey on the popular charge that he influenced the navigation of the ship or the speed that she attained. He is, instead, commended for the consideration he showed toward the Titanic's passengers at the time of the collision.

Sir George Duff Gordon and his wife, Lucie, the dressmaker, who paid the men in charge of their lifeboat to go as quickly as possible away from the wreck, are also completely exonerated. Lord Mersey believing it to be part of his duty to pass upon such incidents. On the other hand, Symonds, the seaman who testified that the length regarding the Duff Gordons and who told both here and in Washington of ignoring the appeals for help from passengers in the sea, is censured for not returning from the Carpathia to the rescue of those drowning.

Lord Mersey's declaration regarding the chief causes of the disaster is that the speed at which the Titanic was going was principally the cause. It is a corollary to this, he finds that the liner might have made her scheduled rate of two knots an hour less than she was making. Captain Smith is, however, declared to have been following only the established practice of navigators in maintaining the speed he did through the ice fields.

There is an expectation that exceptions may be taken to the reference to Ismay and Captain Smith by the assessors. One of these is Rear-Admiral Hugh Calhoun and Professor John Howard Biles, the naval architect, might successfully defend a dissenting report, and their attitude is problematical.

Lord Mersey's conclusions are regarded here as "severely unemotional," showing how properly constituted judicial mind can detach itself from the human side of a calamity that harrowed the world. They are also regarded as demonstrating how easily the inexperienced public may draw unjustified conclusions from clear, uncontroverted evidence.

The Valiant Apt to Err.  
The case of Ismay is cited as "an illustration how, when placed in its proper perspective, the vulgar are liable to err."

Exonerating Ismay from having had anything to do with the navigation of the ship, or her rate of speed, Lord Mersey holds that these were responsibilities of which the captain could not divest himself. The report is a very lengthy document, beginning with a description of the ship and ending with a detailed discussion of many technical points.

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## VITAL PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Prohibition Convention Will Wrestle With Liquor Question and Woman Suffrage.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 7.—The National Prohibition Convention, with nearly 1,000 delegates in attendance, will open in this city Wednesday morning to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President and map out plans for the fall campaign. The Prohibitionists believe that the party is in a position to make a strong bid for national support in November, and the convention promises to be one of the most interesting in years.

In addition to the vital question of prohibiting traffic in liquor, the convention expects to wrestle with the problem of woman suffrage and some form of the initiative, referendum and recall.

Many delegates already are in the city, and practically all of the members of the national committee are here for the meeting of that body to-morrow night. This meeting is expected to be a lively one. National Chairman Charles R. Hughes will have several opponents when he comes up for re-election, one of the most formidable spoken of being W. G. Calderwood, of Minneapolis, secretary of the committee.

The race for the presidential nomination appears to be an open one. Eugene W. Chaffin, of Illinois and Arizona, who headed the party ticket four years ago, is again being urged for the place, and there is a decided boom for his running mate at that time, Aaron S. Watkins, of Ohio.

The Minnesota State delegation is coming to the convention instructed for Charles Scanlon, of Pittsburgh, general secretary of the Presbyterian Temperance committee. Mr. Scanlon has declared he would not be a candidate, but when he arrives here his friends will urge him to remain in the race. R. H. Patton, of Springfield, Ill., is another candidate much talked of. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, the Prohibition standard-bearer in 1896, and Madison Larkin, of Scranton, Pa., both appear to have an enthusiastic following.

Delegates to the Prohibition convention are apportioned among the States according to the Prohibition votes cast at the preceding election, a plan attempted several times in Republican national conventions as a means of cutting down representation from the Southern States. The total number of delegates is 1,484.

The convention this year will adhere to the plan which excited so much comment four years ago of keeping the party platform within 400 words. Four years ago the party declared for suffrage based upon intelligence and by inference without regard to sex. Some of the party are now said to believe that woman suffrage is unscriptural and will fight to keep it out of the platform.

HERALD THINKS CHANCES GOOD

Political Map Gives Wilson Shade the Best of It Over Taft.

After an elaborate analysis of the political situation, following an examination of the vote cast in the elections of the different States since 1908, the New York Herald comes to the conclusion that the chance for Democratic success next November beats the Republican chance for victory by several presented by maps and tables in its edition yesterday. It looks good for Wilson.

Of the 532 votes in the electoral college, the Herald thinks the Democrats have 170 reasonably clinched. Compared with this number, the Republicans are sure of only 155. Since 267 electoral votes are necessary for a choice, the Herald concludes that the Democrats must win 112 doubtful votes to capture the presidency, while the Republicans are only ninety-seven votes shy of success.

The most noteworthy feature of the present political outlook, it appears, is the large number of States whose electoral votes cannot be placed assuredly in either the Republican or Democratic column. Progressivism, almost wholly unknown in the election of 1908, has become the dominant factor in the present campaign, with the result that a large number of States which went safely Republican in 1908 must this year be placed in the doubtful column.

The solid South, as usual, retains its traditional Democratic complexion. The only notable addition is Arizona, which, uncounted in 1908 as a Territory, will this fall go strongly Democratic. Offsetting this gain, however, are Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada, Democratic in 1908, but this year admittedly on the fence.

## ENTIRE COUNTRY WILL BE SHOCKED

Sensational Revelations Predicted if Clarence S. Darrow Confesses.

Chicago, July 7.—Revelations so sensational that the entire country would be shocked as it was in the McNamara cases were predicted by W. J. Burns, head of the Burns National Detective Agency, in case Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago attorney on trial at Los Angeles on a charge of jury bribing, should decide to make a complete confession of all he knows, sparing no one.

Mr. Burns arrived in Chicago yesterday from California, fresh from the trial.

"I do not think that it would be necessary to send any one to prison in case the full facts could be made known through a confession," he said. "When the public would know what men were connected with this outrage, how they went about it and what they did, I think that it would be good in cleansing the ranks of labor of the crooks than the mere sending of Darrow to prison. The people would be satisfied if they knew the names of every one connected with the disastrous plot."

"I do not see how there can be anything but a conviction of Darrow," continued Mr. Burns. "The case of the State is perfect, and it will be impossible for the defense to explain away the evidence."

"The attorneys for the defense sickened almost every time the State puts on a witness. The evidence has been so convincing that it caused them to grow faint. The trial will go on. Nothing can stop it. In case there should be a disagreement there will be another trial. State's Attorney Frederick is determined to expose the outrage."

"Clarence Darrow confessed," said Mr. Burns. "I understand that Darrow offered to confess if he was let off with a fine. The State would not accept any confession of that kind. The only way Darrow can get out of it is that I can see is for him to make a clean breast of the entire affair."

"Darrow is worried. He is smart enough to realize the strength of the case against him. I would not be surprised if at any time he confessed and threw himself on the mercy of the court. He is being encouraged by his attorneys and friends. E. N. Nockels, secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, is his constant companion in the courtroom."

"What is the attitude of organized labor toward this trial?" "I am glad to say that the situation is improving," replied the detective. "The rank and file of the labor unions and their eyes are open to the McNamara confessions. They have been reading the testimony in the Darrow case and are more reasonable than they were."

"I suggested to Darrow's friend, Lincoln Steffens, that he use his influence in inducing Darrow to make a confession. I said to him that the prosecution did not care so much about securing Darrow to prison as it did to have a complete exposure of the jury bribing plot."

"And I want to say here that it was one of the most dastardly plots that was ever hatched. It was far-reaching and many well-known men are involved in it. I told Steffens that we wanted to know the truth, and that he should get Darrow to confess."

"What did Steffens say?" "He told me that he aided in securing one confession, and that he would not think of assisting in securing another," replied Mr. Burns.

"How about the threat to shoot you?" "Oh, that didn't amount to much," said Mr. Burns laughingly. "The situation is rather serious there, you know, and such things are expected. Why, I hardly had the witness chair warm before I was fired at for contempt of court because I told one of the lawyers what I thought. That fine was an outrage, too."

## TO OPEN NEW BIDS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Broad Street Paving May Be Long Delayed for Forfeiture of Contract.

New bids will be opened by the Committee on Streets, on Wednesday for the paving of Broad Street. The award was first made to J. J. Smith & Co. for Washington Asphalt Block, but contractor Smith was unable to secure the material, and gave up the contract, allowing the certified check to go to the city. Mr. Smith has heretofore laid a large amount of the Washington block in Richmond, his last contract having been for the four blocks around the High School. Recently the company has been bidding direct, and now the contract for paving Broad Avenue. Why it refused to supply the Smith firm with the blocks does not appear, save that it was in this competition itself a bidder, at a price much higher than that submitted by the Smith firm.

The failure to accept the contract has reopened the whole matter, and bids have been invited for all classes of paving—wood block, asphalt block, sh and asphalt, bluthtic, and other patent types, and the whole of the old wrangle, it is anticipated, will be started again.

Most of those taking part in the recent junketing trip to Atlantic City are firm advocates of the bluthtic pavement, though admitting that it laid here, it will be necessary for the city to put in a plant or pay heavy royalties to the owners of the patent for all the current contracts for paving.

If the Richmond and Henric Railway Company accepts and uses the franchise which has been voted by both branches of the Council, it will no doubt desire to install conduits along both sides of Broad Street, in order to carry the current of the shifting stores. Unless the new material is of high character, either wood or asphalt, which can be easily replaced, it will be trampled into on both sides before it has been down a year.

In view of the discussion over the plan for widening the sidewalks, the doubt over the outcome of the Richmond and Henric Railway matter, and the late vote in the summer, it is suggested in some quarters that the whole matter of repaving Broad Street be allowed to wait until next spring, when the fund for two years will be available, and the whole business section can be repaved at once. Any contract for repaving, proved by both branches of the Council, and with the tedious work of rebuilding the street car tracks, it is believed that even if begun in August, the work would not be completed until late in the fall. After the shopping season has commenced

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# The Times-Dispatch

### Richmond, Va.

## ANNUAL TWO-WEEK SPREE WILL SEND 'EM HOME BROKE

Vacation Gangs, Unable to Tell Whether It's Hotter in the Country or the Summer, Ready for July Fling.

Is it hotter in July or in the country? bottled seizer, pressing clubs and ice.

To the typical two-weekers who convulsed a Roman ward meeting with the same gag more than two thousand years ago when he was running for tribune of the plebs on a free-suburban-lots platform, its vitality at this late date is proper subject for wonder. It blooms anew with every recurrent vacation season and trips blithely through midsummer nation numbers under the caption of "Witting Wit." Mambo it's the dog days, maybe it's because the weather makes one too weak to protest, but the gag, like the after dinner speaker, is always with us.

Beginning to-day, however, it stops being a gag and becomes a question of expert accounting. A hundred or more in Richmond to-day will post vacation schedules announcing the annual two-week spree which all grasping corporations mete out to those who have served them faithfully. The advance army of two-weekers had their bags packed as early as 11 o'clock last night, and will begin leaving on the early morning trains to spend their year's savings.

A considerable number of two-weekers, having decided that it is hotter in the country than in the summer, will do the wise thing and stay in town. For the most part, they are married. Writers on psychology have already noted the cold cynicism with which married people read summer resort advertisements. They go no farther than to note the fact, making no attempt to explain the curious phenomenon. It seems that one of the consequences of matrimony is a wholesome respect for city comforts like shower baths.

Change in Schedule  
R. F. & P., JULY 8.  
Through train from S. A. L. Ry. leaves Main Street Station 8:40 A. M. daily, instead of 9:28 A. M.

## OBITUARY

Dr. J. K. Caldwell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Galax, Va., July 7.—A message was received yesterday by Dr. J. K. Caldwell, announcing the death of his father, Dr. J. B. Caldwell, who, with his daughter, Miss Annie, were on a visit to their son and brother, Archie, in Los Angeles, Cal. The remains will be brought here at once and will be interred at the private cemetery, Mrs. Caldwell, Dr. Caldwell was about seventy years old and was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the Confederate army.

Mrs. Ann Maria Saunders.  
Lynchburg, Va., July 7.—Mrs. Ann Maria Saunders, widow of Amos Saunders, for years resident of Warrenton, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. E. Craddock, here yesterday, after an illness of several months of heart trouble. Death was unexpected. Mrs. Saunders leaves only the one sister, Mrs. Craddock.

Captain A. J. Read.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Pungoteague, Va., July 7.—Captain A. J. Read, aged sixty-four years, died Thursday night at his home of paralysis. Mr. Read was apparently well. He was buried yesterday in the Episcopal cemetery, the service being conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. L. Murphy, and Rev. E. T. Liddell, of Philadelphia.

William L. Everts.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Gloucester, C. H., Va., July 7.—William L. Everts, an esteemed citizen of Gloucester, and an ex-Confederate soldier, member of the Twenty-sixth Virginia Regiment, died this morning suddenly at his home near Woods Cross, Va. Mr. Everts was apparently well yesterday. He was seventy-one years old, and leaves no family.

Miss Alice Duiguid.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Lynchburg, Va., July 7.—Miss Alice Duiguid, a member of a prominent Lynchburg family, died late Saturday night at her home here after a long illness. She has surviving a brother, and two sisters, Miss Duiguid, a well-known merchant of the city, and Miss Duiguid, who is the assistant superintendent of the city's K. D. Duiguid, all of Lynchburg.

Miss Nora Goodrick.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Lynchburg, Va., July 7.—Miss Nora Goodrick, who was the assistant superintendent of St. Andrew's Hospital here, died Saturday night at a late hour at that institution. She was a daughter of the late Patrick Goodrick of Ireland, and her mother was a native of Frederickburg, where there is a brother, Judge Goodrick, surviving. The body has been taken to Frederickburg for burial.

FUNERAL NOTICE  
CARTER.—The funeral of W. A. CARTER will take place from Venable Street Baptist Church MONDAY AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Interment in Riverview Cemetery.

## DEATHS

WALTERS.—Died, Sunday, July 7, at 130 P. M., MRS. J. B. ANDERSON WALTERS. Remains at 314 West Clay Street.  
Funeral to take place TUESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, from St. Peter's Church.

FRAYSER.—Died, at the residence of her parents, Sunday, July 7, at 8 A. M., ELIZABETH WYNN, youngest child of Lucy Munson and R. Wellford Frayser, aged twelve months.  
Funeral from the residence, 3101 East Broad Street, at 10 o'clock THIS (Monday) MORNING. Interment private.

WATT.—Died, at Memorial Hospital, Sunday morning, July 7, 1912, at 1:45 P. M., GEORGE WATT, youngest son of his age.  
Funeral from Second Presbyterian Church, Fifth and Main Streets, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON at 5:30. Interment private.

GANZERT.—Entered into rest Sunday, July 7, at 1:15 P. M., MARION GANZERT, beloved wife of W. F. Ganzert, in the thirty-third year of her age.  
The funeral will take place from 504 North Twenty-fifth Street TUESDAY AFTERNOON at 4:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Gordanville papers please copy.

FISCHER.—Died, at her father's residence, 23 step Westhampton Lane, LEONIE R. FISCHER, oldest daughter of John A. and the late Flora M. Fischer. She leaves father, a mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn their loss.

Funeral from Benedictine College at 10 A. M. MONDAY. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

PAGE.—Died, Saturday, July 6, at 9:30 P. M., suddenly, WALTER M. PAGE, in the twenty-eighth year of age. He leaves a wife and infant son, his father, W. D. Page, three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Foley, of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Jno. Lemon, of Millersville Springs; Mrs. Harry Nicely, of this city; also two brothers, W. W. Allen and J. M. Allen.

Funeral from Christ Episcopal Church MONDAY AFTERNOON, July 8, at 4 o'clock. Interment at Oakwood.  
WOODY.—Died, suddenly, Sunday, July 7, 1912, at the Memorial Hospital, CHARLES D. WOODY, of 2414 Venable Street, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.  
Funeral notice later.

IN MEMORIAM  
PRICE.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, JOSEPH H. PRICE, who died in Columbia, S. C., one year ago to-day, July 8, 1911.  
WIDOW.